

PRESS RELEASE

Banca popolare dell'Emilia Romagna: Standard & Poor's affirms ratings and outlook on bank's positive result of European Central Bank's Comprehensive Assessment of Europe's largest banks

Modena – October 30th 2014. Banca popolare dell'Emilia Romagna società cooperativa ("BPER") informs that today Standard and Poor's affirmed BPER's ratings and outlook (BB/B/Negative) following, on October 26 2014, the release of the results of the European Central Bank's ("ECB") Comprehensive Assessment of Europe's largest banks, including the European Banking Authority's ("EBA") stress test,.

The rating agency affirms that the information contained in the *ECB*'s results is consistent with that which it had already incorporated into its assessment of ratings and outlook of the bank.

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